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FOR JOHN LYLE NEA/ARP

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SUBJ: ADVISOR TO GOK FOR CATALOGING AND SUPPLY

1. GOK MINISTRY OF FINANCE ADVISOR RICHARD MALTBY REQUESTS EMBASSY
PASS THIS MESSAGE TO WAYNE BRADY OF GSA.

2. QUOTE:

A) YOUR LETTER 16 FEBRUARY RECEIVED WITH MUCH INTEREST. COURSE IS
GOOD IDEA. I PLAN HOME LEAVE MID JULY TO END SEPTEMBER SO HOPE
YOU ARRIVE WELL BEFORE MY DEPARTURE.

B) REFERENCE YOUR QUESTIONS:

- I) YOU CAN RENT GOVERNMENT FURNISHED ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING
UTILITIES. HOUSE I UNDERSTAND HELD FOR YOU ABOUT DOLLARS
THREE HUNDRED PER MONTH. YOUR POST ADJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE
PROBABLY DOLLARS SIX HUNDRED PLUS DOLLARS THIRTY THREE
DEPENDENCY ALLOWANCE.
- II) COSTS CONCERNING STORING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS UNFORTUNATELY
NOT PAID. ASSIGNMENT ALLOWANCE DOLLARS TWO HUNDRED FOR FIRST
FIVE YEARS HELPS OFFSET THIS PARTIALLY.
- III) EMERGENCY TRAVEL NOT PAID.
- IV) AS ASSIGNMENT FOR OVER TWO YEARS UN WILL PAY DOLLARS EIGHT
HUNDRED TOWARDS COST OF SHIPPING CAR. BELIEVE THIS LEAVES
ABOUT DOLLARS SEVEN HUNDRED FOR YOU TO PAY. NEW CARS
EXPENSIVE HERE. CHEVROLET IMPALA ABOUT DOLLARS NINE
THOUSAND. AMERICAN USED CARS MUCH LESS. U.S. EXPORT

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PRICE CHRYSLER CHARGER WITH AIR CONDITIONING ETC.

LESS THAN DOLLARS FOUR THOUSAND. HOPE WE CAN PERSUADE
MINISTRY TO PROVIDE CAR AND DRIVER FOR YOU. IF YOUR
WIFE DRIVES YOU WILL PROBABLY WANT SECOND CAR.

C) OTHER LIVING COSTS SIMILAR TO STATESIDE. LETTER WITH
FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOWS.

D) SALARY NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE LARGELY BASED ON YOUR CURRENT
SALARY, HIGH TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEVEL OF JOB
DESCRIPTION AND RECRUITMENT DIFFICULTY. ALSO GOK PAYING
NINETY EIGHT PERCENT OF SALARY WITH UN FINANCIAL
INVOLVEMENT NOMINAL.

E) BARRAK HAD INSUFFICIENT TIME AND MANY KUWAITI COMMITMENTS
WHEN IN WASHINGTON. END QUOTE.

3. EMBASSY FEELS PARAGRAPH C MAY NEED CLARIFICATIONS. COST OF
U.S. MANUFACTURED CONSUMER GOODS (E.G. FOOD, HOUSEHOLD
SUPPLIES) RUNNING 25 TO 50 PERCENT ABOVE RPT ABOVE WASHINGTON,
D.C. PRICES. EUROPEAN GOODS ARE LESS EXPENSIVE BUT STILL
COST 20 TO 30 PERCENT MORE THAN WASHINGTON. BRADY MAY WISH
CONSULT POST REPORT FOR KUWAIT FOR MORE DETAILED INFO.
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